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Craze Returns for One Last Council Worksession, July 12

by Kathleen Gallagher

On the one hand, the Greenbelt City Council worksession of July 12 was a down-in-the-weeds discussion of necessary modifications to documents defining the city's 2005-2006 annexation of property in the South Core of Greenbelt Station. Considering the scale of the original 78-acre annexation, the errors, representing less than half an acre, were relatively minor. Nonetheless, the legal process for making the corrections has already taken a good deal of work and will take some time to accomplish.

On the other hand, the worksession provided an opportunity to recognize and visit with two well-known, recently-retired city



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Celia Craze

employees, one of whom apparently did her best to get out of Dodge at the end of June with only negligible fanfare. Celia

Craze, who retired as director of the Department of Planning and Community Development, was present to review the annexation situation with council and the steps staff and the city solicitor were proposing to remedy it. Accompanying her was her husband, a tanned and relaxed-looking Jim Craze, who retired as chief of police in November, following 45 years of city service.

At the end of the meeting, Mayor Emmett Jordan took Celia Craze by surprise with a proclamation that managed to capture a great deal of her 30-year city career. The first professional

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PHOTO BY SARAH LARKIN

Dancing in costumes from the 1937 era, the Creative Kids Camp Titans sing about a student-run store in their school, during their show, *The Cookie Caper*. See story on page 12.

Camp Encore Stages Passionate And Dynamic Romeo and Juliet

by Kyla Hanington

Every once in a while, if you're a parent, you have this snapshot moment of your child's life. One moment they're two years old and sinking their teeth into the tender soft flab of your underarm as you carry them toward the car, and the next they're adult-sized, striding across a shadowy stage in knee-high boots, sword drawn, about to fight to the death over a girl. The toddler-sized bite mark scar you carry is but a foreshadowing of this moment: when your child again has the power to capture the entirety of your attention.

Camp Encore's riveting steampunk version of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, staged last week, kept audience members on the edge of their seats. With music by Aeryn Goldstein and David Gardner heightening the intensity of the emotion and the action, the teen actors brought *Romeo and Juliet* to life with fervor. A drama camp for teenagers, Camp Encore requires that teens learn the lines, blocking and emoting in just four short weeks from the first day, getting to know each other, to the last of their three performances. In addition, some of the campers paint the set or design and create props. Deftly directed and encouraged by Kate Magill Robinson, this year's group of campers put on one of the most dynamic productions yet.

The chorus, dressed in sophisticated red and black, opened the play speaking the prologue and appeared throughout singing haunting original songs and published poems put to music by the two composers. Audience member 13-year-old Kayla Cunningham, visiting Greenbelt from Tennessee, said the "background music was perfect! It really goes along with the scenes." While the drum beats at times obscured the words of the quieter actors, the drum beats heightened the menacing energy when they matched increasing heart rates during a violent argument. Goldstein's



PHOTO BY KATE MAGILL ROBINSON

Juliet (Vanessa Daelemans) and Romeo (Colette Cheng).

sweet Marriage Blessing in the background of the wedding scene morphed into Faithful Friend's darker drama to match Tybalt's (Sean Brittan-Powell) angry stalking, bent on death, into the scene.

Collette Cheng was a captivating *Romeo*, and the non-verbal interplay between her character, Juliet (Vanessa Daelemans) and Paris (Findley Holland) during a dramatic tango scene set up the dynamics of the doomed love triangle without any words being spoken. Alyssa Heintzelman's roguish Mercutio, while bringing elements of comedy, particularly with the Nurse (an excellent Lillian Gunn) in the tango scene, also had one of the best dying scenes in a play rich with deaths. The play required its young

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Cheerleading Club Fundraiser Derailed, Racism Cited

by Amy Hansen

A Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club fundraiser on Sunday, July 16 at Chipotle Mexican Grill on Greenbelt Road ended with angry parents, upset children, police interventions and accusations of racism. Coco Lee Tinsley explained that her team of national champion cheerleaders, girls ages 8 to 13, had planned the evening fundraiser to help pay for their competitions.

Tinsley said that the trouble started when store personnel started questioning if the people in line knew the team. "They said we couldn't know all of the people who came in with flyers because they were not all black," said Tinsley. "They asked a white customer if they supported us. They asked because they didn't believe we knew any white people."

"We were upset," said Tinsley. She also said they had not done anything wrong. Several of

the families had white and black parents. Friends and alumni were also multicultural.

Tinsley said Chipotle management cancelled the fundraiser during the event although, she says, they did not explain why. She also pointed out that her team has done this fundraiser before and understands the rules, so she does not know what rule they might have broken.

Chipotle corporate management said, "We are sorry to hear that a reminder of our policy from an employee escalated into a situation. An employee did call the police out of an abundance of caution to ensure the security of employees and guests. The incident was absolutely not racially motivated and the fundraiser was eventually cancelled after a refusal from the organization volunteers to follow fundraiser policy on site."

Tinsley said the police were

called several times. She adds that the Greenbelt police were very polite and professional. Police records verify that they responded to several calls from Chipotle. The records also show no arrests.

Since the July 16 incident, a parent who was there spoke to WUSA Channel 9 News. Several other people have written about the event on the Greenbelter's list on Facebook.

Tatjana Dale, commissioner and head coach, Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club cheerleading, has tried to speak with management of Chipotle but has not had any success.

"We would like to formally thank the Greenbelt Police Department for their patience, kindness and service during this event," said Dale. "Also, we are extremely thankful for the outpouring of support from individuals, families and other corporations."



PHOTO COURTESY OF LADY RAIDERS

The Greenbelt Lady Raiders cheerleading club members pose outside Chipotle on Sunday.

What Goes On

Saturday, July 22

9 a.m. to noon, Green Drop Charitable Donations, Parking lot between City Office and Community Center (See City Information for details.)

9 a.m. to noon, Electronics and Paint Recycling, Public Works Yard (See City Information for details.)

Monday, July 24

7:30 p.m., Council Worksession on FBI Headquarters Decision and Capital Office Park Land Use Change Proposal, Municipal Building

Letters to the Editor

Jews Were Included

James Riordon’s laudatory letter to the editor about the Creative Kids Camp show (July 13 issue), *The Cookie Caper*, was much appreciated. As part of the Greenbelt Legacy 80th Anniversary commemoration, the show includes a fictional child’s diary account of life in 1937 Greenbelt, based on historical facts. It depicts both the joy of living in the brand-new town and the sadness of having an African American friend excluded from living here because of the prevailing segregationist housing practices of the time.

Amid his generous praise for the play, Mr. Riordon mistakenly states that Jews also were excluded from the original town. That is not the case, and the play contains no such portrayal. To the contrary, Greenbelt was intentionally integrated on the basis of religion from the very beginning. At a time when both religious and racial bigotry were commonly enshrined in restrictive real estate covenants, Greenbelt’s religious diversity was exceptional.

During our anniversary commemoration, it is fitting for us to acknowledge that in every generation, there is progress to be celebrated as well as work that is left to do. In the program notes for *The Cookie Caper*, I point out that Lenore Thomas’s monumental artwork on the exterior of the Community Center is, in one respect, incomplete. While all of the other clauses of the preamble to the U.S. Constitution are depicted in the series of sculpted panels, there is no bas relief panel captioned “To Secure the Blessings of Liberty.” We can choose to interpret that omission as symbolizing the unfinished work of our democracy. Completing that work is the ongoing task of successive generations of Greenbelters, as we strive to ensure that the blessings of liberty are secured for all Americans.

Chris Cherry

Shy or Modest?

Kudos to Amy Hansen for her lucid explanation of our imminent solar eclipse (July 13 issue of the paper). It takes a scientifically sophisticated mind to clarify complex material for the lay reader, and Hansen, an award-winning author of several science books, is just the person to do it.

But isn’t she being a tad sly, slightly less than forthcoming, in not informing us that Robert Candey, the demonstrator of solar pinhole projectors whose photos Hansen snapped, is actually her most excellent husband?

Mere modesty, perhaps, and no detraction from her very informative article!

Jim Link

Thank You, GAC

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) for a courtesy they extend to the members of Greenbelt’s Arts Advisory Board (AAB) and also recount a benefit that came from that gesture.

GAC offers complimentary tickets to AAB members as a thank you for the board’s services to the mayor and city council. In my eight years sitting on this board, I can only recall availing myself of this perk three or four times, trying not to abuse the

privilege.

Several weeks ago my eye caught the News Review ad for GAC’s *Murder on the Nile* presentation. As a fan of Agatha Christie, I thought I might make use of my perk and do a good deed in the process.

Amongst my fellow senior friends is a lady who has endured an extended recuperation stuck at home. Thinking a change of scenery might boost her morale I said, “Hey, I can get two free tickets to a play. Would you like to escape from your senior housing unit for a Sunday afternoon?”

Since she is also a person of faith, I offered to take her to my church when I went.

Well, she enthusiastically replied to both offers in the affirmative. Adding to the fun I suggested we get a little dressed up. She broke out one of her best dresses and even curled her hair.

That Sunday she fed her spiritual needs at my church and then we headed to the theater for some extra socializing. After the play we shopped at the Co-op and I returned her to her home refreshed.

That Sunday adventure had the effect of a tonic. The arts are healthier and safer than antidepressants. No side effects!

I informed the GAC people of the positive “tonic” effect the play had on my friend and they cheerfully provided two more tickets for their new play, *Teresa*.

Thank you GAC!

I hope this story presents a good example of the values Greenbelt citizens aspire to and illustrates some of the unseen benefits that city support of the arts provides.

John Drago

Cookies at the Bridge

The volunteers from Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church extend thanks to all who participated and supported the Cookies at the Bridge efforts this past school year, especially the Greenbelt City Council and Greenbelt Community Church. Volunteers handed out cookies to weary high schoolers at the end of their day. More volunteers are needed for the coming school year, Monday through Friday from 3:30 until around 4 p.m. at the Spellman Overpass. Contact Ellen Noll at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church at 301-474-9310.

Ellen Noll

Indivisible Greenbelt

The 2016 presidential election served as a wakeup call for a multitude of Americans. Many were stunned and frustrated by the process and results and have become energized activists in its aftermath. Numerous Greenbelters have resolved to be politically active to ensure that all voices are heard. Others are longtime engaged activists, bringing talent and experience to a new movement.

Our collective energy is not a function of geography, race, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation or political affiliation. Rather it is an expression of the most basic values that we treasure as Americans: inclusion, respect, fairness and truth. These values unite us as one nation, indivisible.

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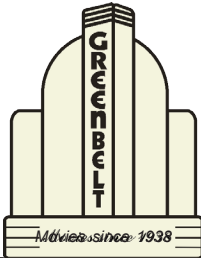
Corrections

In the FBI Headquarters story in last week’s News Review the decision to halt the project was attributed to only one person. It should have been attributed to the Trump Administration.

In the article about Park and Recreation Month, the display was created by Rebekah Sutfin and Di Quynn-Reno.

Take Back the Night

Join neighbors and the Greenbelt Police to celebrate the 34th annual National Night Out from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, August 1. Events will be happening throughout Greenbelt. The city center event is sponsored by the Roosevelt Center Merchants Association featuring games, music, food and prizes. Help Greenbelt take back the night at National Night Out.



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July 21st - July 27th

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Fri. 5:15, 8:00 PM
Sat. 2:30, 5:15, 8:00 PM
Sun. 12:00 (OC), 6:00 PM
Mon. 5:15, 8:00 PM
Tues. 5:15, 8:00 PM
Wed. 2:30, 5:15, 8:00 PM
Thurs. 5:15, 8:00 PM

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Sierra Leone Alumnae Visit Greenbelt Community Church

by Karen Yoho



Members of the Harford Old Girls Association, in blue and white hats, visit Greenbelt Community Church United Church of Christ. - Photos by Karen Yoho

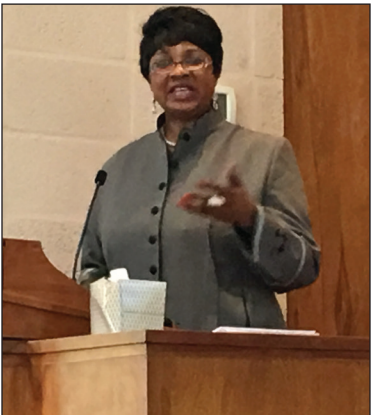
Close to 50 members of the Harford Old Girls Association USA and their families visited and worshiped with the Greenbelt Community Church United Church of Christ on Sunday, July 16. The association is comprised of alumnae from The Harford School in the Southern Province of Sierra Leone, Africa. The school was formed by the Women’s Missionary Association of the United Brethren Church Mission in 1877. The land and buildings were dedicated in 1900. Since that time and despite rebel incursions and political upheaval in the country, the school has been a haven for girls who would not otherwise be able to receive a formal education. The school is now supported by the United Methodist Church, the government of Sierra Leone and Harford Old Girls Associations worldwide. Harford alumnae serve throughout the world as educators, doctors and nurses, clergy, government officials and even members of Parliament. Local association members meet regularly at Greenbelt Community Church, and they invited other members from across the country and around the world to join them this past Sunday. Leading the worship was Rev. Glenyce Grindstaff from Greenbelt Community Church and Rev. Dr. Matilda Banga, a member of the Harford Old Girls Association.




Condolences to the family and friends of former Greenbelter Ralph Edinger, who died on July 16.

Greenbelt resident Alexandra Nickel recently attended Aviation Challenge in Huntsville, Ala., at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, NASA Marshall Space Flight Center’s official visitor center. The weeklong educational program promotes science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) while training students and adults with hands-on activities and missions based on teamwork, leadership and problem solving. Nickel was part of the Aviation Challenge - Mach II Program, a program specifically designed for students who have an interest in military aviation and the mechanics of flight. She spent the week training with a team that flew a simulated F-18 fighter jet. The crew learned critical land- and water-survival skills and mastered Top Gun flying maneuvers. Nickel and crew returned in time to graduate with honors.

Please share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.



Dr. Matilda Banga




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July 23 10 a.m.
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Rob Boston, Dir. of Communications, Americans United for Separation of Church and State; with Beth Charbonneau, Worship Associate

This service debunks the idea that the United States was founded to be a Christian nation and explains why the myth persists and why it is dangerous. This topic is especially relevant now, with claims by leaders posing as defenders of our nation’s alleged Christian heritage.



Obituaries

Ralph Edinger

Formerly of Washington, D.C., and Greenbelt, Ralph Joseph Edinger died on July 16, 2017 at the age of 87 at the Crofton Care nursing home. Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Eleanor Brabble, formerly of Oriental, N.C.; two daughters, Nancy (Larry) Campbell and Lucy (Bruce) Kallal; and two grandsons Phillip Kallal and William Kallal. Friends may call at Gasch’s Funeral Home, 4739 Baltimore Avenue, Hyattsville, on Friday, July 21 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Funeral services will be held at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, 4512 College Avenue, College Park, on Saturday, July 22 at 11 a.m. Interment will follow at Fort Lincoln Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to the St. Andrew’s Buildings and Grounds Fund at the above address or the Alzheimer’s Association National Capital Area Chapter, 8180 Greensboro Drive, Suite 400, McLean, VA 22102 or alz.org.



PHOTO COURTESY OF EDINGER FAMILY

Ralph Joseph Edinger



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Obituaries
The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present. You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.



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Drop Off July 22-23
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Saturday, July 22 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Sunday, July 23 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

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Call 301-345-1849 to arrange for a pick up or for more info
Next Donation Drive: October 28-29

Meet GCART At Dog Splash Party

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church invites all to a Dog Walkers Splash Party on Sunday, July 23, 4 until 5:30 p.m., with games and treats for all. Join the fun at the field at 40 Ridge Road.

The Greenbelt Community Animal Response Team (GCART) will be participating in this event. GCART is a city-affiliated group of trained volunteers who provide animal-related disaster response, such as animal search and rescue, animal first aid and triage, and setting up and operating a temporary shelter during emergencies or large disasters. When not responding to an emergency, they educate the community about the importance of each family having an emergency plan for themselves and their animals.

To become fully operational, GCART submitted a grant application to the American Kennel Club (AKC) Reunite program for a disaster relief trailer. Their application was approved, which means that once they raise \$12,000, the AKC Reunite program will pay the difference and provide the City of Greenbelt with a trailer that includes the supplies and equipment necessary for a 65-animal temporary shelter.

Stop by their table to learn more about GCART, how to support their campaign to obtain a disaster relief trailer and how to prepare an emergency plan for family and animals. They also will be available to talk to anyone interested in joining the team.

Participants Solicited For Labor Day Parade

Make plans now to participate in the Greenbelt Labor Day Parade. Community, school and government groups, local businesses, political incumbents and candidates or even informal groups formed just for the parade are invited to submit a parade application, available online at greenbeltlaborday.com/get-involved/parade-participants/. Create a float, put together a performance, show off your antique or otherwise unique vehicle or simply march together displaying signs advertising your group. You might even win a prize. All parade participants must pre-register no later than August 25 by emailing a completed parade application to GreenbeltLaborDayParade@verizon.net.

The 2017 Labor Day Festival Parade will take place on Monday, September 4 from 10 a.m. to noon. The route is along Crescent Road, from Greenhill Road to Southway. Participants are asked to line up in the staging area along Crescent Road between Lastner Lane and Greenhill Road between 8 and 9:30 a.m. More detailed information is available on the website listed above.

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Solar Eclipse Plans?

Planning to watch the solar eclipse next month? Come to the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt meeting to share plans and have questions answered on Thursday, July 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center, Room 114. All are welcome; there is no charge.

Forest Preserve Board To Meet July 27


The Forest Preserve Advisory Board will meet on Thursday, July 27 at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building. Among the topics to be discussed is the A. Morton Thomas and Associates’ Forest Preserve Health Assessment, which it prepared as a consultant to the Board.

Writers Group Meets

The Greenbelt Writers Group meets on Friday, July 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. All local writers are invited to participate. Plans for the anthology will be discussed and open readings will be held. For more information, contact Mary Moien at 301-474-4713.

Botanic Garden Tour

Join a free walking tour of the outdoor Bartholdi Park in DC on Tuesday, July 25 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. The tour highlights park history, new gardens and sustainable sites. Meet at the fountain across Botanical Gardens/Independence Avenue, S.W. Reservations required: visit USBG.gov/programs.



City Information

MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF JULY 24-28

Monday, July 24 at 6:30 pm **GREENBELT COMMUNITY ANIMAL RESPONSE TEAM** at Police Station, 550 Crescent Road. *On the agenda: Donations to GCART, Fundraising, National Night Out, August 1, 2017, Labor Day Information Day and Booth Training*

Monday, July 24 at 7:30 pm **GREENBELT CERT** at Police Station, 550 Crescent Road. *On the agenda: CERTCON 9/23-9/24, - BASIC CERT 9/9-9/10, National Night Out 8/1, - Labor Day-Information Day, Parade, Booth*

Monday, July 24 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS re: FBI Headquarters Decision and Land Use Change Proposal-Capital Office Park Undeveloped Parcels** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipalTV

Tuesday, July 25 at 7:30pm, **GREEN ACES/GREEN TEAM** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road *On the Agenda: Updates from Sustainability Framework / Green Team Circles, Report from Konrad Herling on conference, Upcoming Events*

Wednesday, July 26 at 7:30 pm **FOUR CITIES MEETING** at Berwyn Heights.

Thursday, July 27 at 7:00pm, **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.** *On the agenda: Discussion on AMT Forest Preserve Health Assessment – Goals and Recommendations –Policy Statement, Section 1 (Introduction), Section 5 (Invasive Species), Trails, and more, time permitting*


This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

JULY IS PARK & RECREATION MONTH

The Greenbelt Recreation Department wants to know...

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VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Committee on Education, Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Community Relations Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board and Youth Advisory Committee.

For information on how to apply contact 301-474-8000.

CITY OF GREENBELT


WELCOME PACKETS

The City of Greenbelt is currently collecting materials from any city business or organization to include in our next set of Welcome Packets. Coupons, flyers, trinkets, etc. are welcome. Please provide 300 to Beverly Palau at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road by August 15.


Info: 301-474-8000

FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER

101 Centerway
Friday, July 21 from 8:00 - 10:00 PM.



Admittance to the pool will be \$5.00 for all families, including pass holders. Bring your pool toys and the whole family for an evening of fun! Spend an evening together in a recreational atmosphere. Entering family must have at least one adult. Families will be charged \$1.00 for each additional non-family member, with a limit of three non-family members per group. In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved to the indoor pool.



Weed Warriors Volunteer Event

July 24, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Buddy Attick Lake Park, 555 Crescent Road

Weed Warrior Volunteers are needed to protect our forests by removing invasive species. Training and gloves will be provided.


REMINDERS: -Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes. Bring a reusable water bottle.

High School Students: Bring your service-learning forms!

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2016 Outstanding Citizen, A Consummate Volunteer

by Lois Rosado

Rick Ransom was selected the Outstanding Citizen of Greenbelt in 2016. When asked how he was enticed to attend the opening ceremony, he stated that he was actually assisting the Miss Greenbelt Pageant at the fire house when Krissy Beauchamp asked him to give her a ride to the Labor Day Festival. Thanks, Krissy! Of course, when Ransom arrived at the ceremony, he noticed several friends and relatives that didn't usually attend the festival. Surprise!

When asked about his reaction to being selected, his first word was "Disbelief!" Since he had been nominated several times before and not chosen, he figured that the efforts to gain him this recognition had ceased. He found it hard to believe that Robert Zugby was talking about him, and Rick was overwhelmed with gratitude and modesty as the list of his volunteer accomplishments over the years was read. He states that he did not know why he had been selected. Those who persisted in nominating him knew why.

Ransom had served on the Labor Day Festival Committee for nine years; he was a member of the American Legion for 15 years, volunteered at the Suicide Prevention Hot Line, served on the Park and Recreation Advisory Board, served on Greenbelt CARES Board, was a Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club coach, and provided extensive service to the Community Church in various volunteer capacities. These are just a few of his many volunteer services.

Since being selected as the 2016 Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen, most of his city service has been directed to the Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB), which he chairs. Ransom states that CRAB has been meeting regularly to plan for and hold forums on police-community relations. He has continued to write articles occasionally for the Greenbelt News Review, provided sound for the Easter Sunrise Service and participated in sessions advising the city administration on selecting a new city manager as well as providing input to the city's Recreation Master Plan. He continues to play in a band from his church called The



Barbara and Rick Ransom pose with certificates after the 2016 award ceremony.

Relics that presented a fundraising concert in November and is scheduled to play at this year's Labor Day Festival.

When asked if he has experienced anything new after being selected as the 2016 Outstanding Citizen, Ransom stated that he has been approached by many people congratulating him for the award. He felt honored to ride in the parade as the parade marshal, where he encountered more well-wishers. More people than ever have spoken to him in appreciation for the articles he has written for the News Review.

When asked if he had thoughts to share, Ransom stated that, "There is a large number of good people in this town who contribute at least as much as I do and more. We are fortunate to live in a community that strives to improve and that appreciates the efforts of their workers and volunteers even as they enjoy the fruits of their labor. I will forever be grateful for this recognition, although I will continue to feel it is not deserved. It is certainly not the reason any of us serves. The service itself and the better conditions it creates is reward enough. Thanks, all." Greenbelt thanks you, too, Rick, for all that you continue to do to make Greenbelt a special place to live.

Award

The Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen award is bestowed an-

nually during the opening ceremony of the Labor Day Festival. While a committee will select the 2017 Outstanding Citizen, that selection is based on nominations submitted by the community. If you submitted a nomination for someone previously, support that person again, be persistent and add as many support letters as possible. While only one person is designated as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen each year, there is no doubt that every nominee has greatly contributed to the wonderful quality of life in Greenbelt.

Help is needed to identify the 2017 Outstanding Citizen. Submit a nomination form located on this page. Attach a brief statement listing the organizations and activities of the nominee, specifying his or her accomplishments, length of service, impact on Greenbelt and its residents and the personal qualities that make this person special. Or go to greenbeltlaborday.com/events-and-activities/Outstanding-Citizen to find the nomination form and instructions.

Nomination forms and support letters are due by Monday, July 31. The nomination form must be signed by the person submitting it. Include your phone number and address and send the form to Bob Zugby, Chair, 94 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, Md. 20770.

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actors to explore a broad range of emotions and they did so with captivating aplomb, from Holland's stunned grief (complete with tears) upon learning of Juliet's death to Lady Capulet's (Madeline Hille) collapse to Gunn's hilarious portrayal of Juliet's supportive nurse.

The real scene stealer in this play, however, was Potpan (Naomi Aubert). Aubert has great comedic presence, and her humorous light-touch and slightly-off-stage antics brought laugh-out-loud moments to the production. Not only was she great fun to watch, the added elements of humor rounded out the play, providing balance to the darkness.

That, perhaps, is the point. This production, put together in such a short time, had it all. Beautiful singing, laughter, tears, passion, love, hope, despair – all brought to life by the young actors, fantastic costumes by Magill Robinson and the extraordinary live music, performed by Gardner, Goldstein, Megan Winner and Venkatesh Ananth Batni.



Members of the chorus are Rebecca Gardner, Erin Caldwell, Isabella Jackson and Anya Wilkinson.

The summer camp programs in Greenbelt are undoubtedly wonderful opportunities for young people. However, Camp Encore also provides a wonderful opportunity for the public to be captivated – to be totally absorbed, singularly focused and completely in the moment.



Camp Encore players shown from left are Mary Alyce Yoho (Samson), Olivia Needleman (Emilia), Findley Holland (Paris), Tim Pulik (Escalus, Prince of Verona), Danny Zolt (servant to Paris), Viola Pitts (Bianca) and Abby Zolt (Petruchio).

- Photos by Kate Magill Robinson

NOMINATION FORM

Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen

Submit this form by July 31, 2017 to: Bob Zugby, Chair
Outstanding Citizen Committee
94 Ridge Road; Greenbelt, MD 20770

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Attach a statement (preferably printed or typed), which explains why this nominee deserves recognition as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen. Possible subjects include a list of organizations or activities in which the nominee has participated, including length of time, specific accomplishments during period of service, the impact on Greenbelt or on people within the City, and personal qualities which make the nominee special. Award is for volunteer (unpaid) work only. Supporting printed material is useful to the Committee but is not required. Testimonials by others as to the person's good works will be helpful.

You may be contacted for additional information. If you prefer, send this form now and complete the statement later, but no later than the July 31st deadline.

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Letters continued

With some simple, practical guidance and useful tools for interacting with offices of the members of Congress, two former congressional staffers created the Indivisible Project that has now become a national progressive political movement. There are nearly 6,000 local Indivisible groups registered nationwide with at least two groups in every congressional district in the country. The Indivisible Project website, Indivisibleguide.com, provides resources including organizing advice, call script and a database of local advocacy groups searchable by zip code.

Locally, approximately 150 of our neighbors have formed Indivisible Greenbelt. We are a racially and ethnically diverse group from all walks of life: young and young at heart, women and men, scientists, lawyers, teachers, stay-at-home moms, students and many others. We are open to like-minded people of all political persuasions. Although many members are from Greenbelt, the nearby areas of College Park, Berwyn Heights and Bowie are also represented. The stated purpose of Indivisible Greenbelt is:

“Using tools made available by the Indivisible Project, maintain constant pressure on our three members of Congress (MOCs) to ‘Resist the Trump Agenda.’ Help educate our fellow District 5 constituents regarding related issues and encourage them to attend Town Halls and other local public events, visit district offices and make coordinated telephone calls to our MOCs. Leveraging our proximity to the Capitol, assist other Indivisible groups in swing states by hand-delivering petitions and other messages to their MOCs. Work for the election of senators and representatives in swing states who share our progressive values. Work within the State of Maryland to elect a governor, District 22 legislators and other key local officials who will uphold a progressive agenda.”

Current matters of interest to Indivisible Greenbelt include: defeat of the healthcare act currently under consideration in the Senate and promotion of universal, affordable healthcare for all; establishment of an independent commission to investigate Russia’s cyber incursion into the 2016 Presidential election; Presidential financial transparency leading to mandatory release of tax returns; environmental protection and action to address climate change at the national, state and local levels; preservation of financial/banking reforms and consumer protections established after the financial crisis of 2008; criminal justice reform; protection of human rights including those of immigrants, racial/ethnic and religious minorities and LGBTQ individuals.

If you are interested in joining the Indivisible Greenbelt group, you can find us on Facebook and in the New Deal Café on most alternate Sunday afternoons. You can also email indivisiblegreenbelt@gmail.com to subscribe to our newsletter.

Julie Phelps, Katy Collin, Lei Zong

In the Dark

On July 5, the city council held a worksession to discuss a range of controversial election issues, including the voting age, mayoral selection, at-large elections vs. ward/district elections and noncitizen voting. If you’re like most of the 20,000+ residents of the city, you probably couldn’t see what happened in the meeting. That is in part because, like many other worksessions, the worksession was not broadcast live or at all for that matter. I am deeply concerned that, while council always finds a way to spend city dollars on trips to Ocean City, it has not made sufficient investments in and commitments to having all of its worksessions be broadcast. And you may never get the full story on this particular worksession because council waited until the Greenbelt News Review reporter left the room to begin discussing American citizens’ voting rights and term limits. It is totally unreasonable for council to expect all or even the most passionate residents to be able and willing to sit through a several hours-long worksession that starts at 8 p.m. on a Wednesday night, and it is a particularly harsh burden for disabled and older residents.

This city council has struggled with transparency for far too long. This year, they were admonished by the state for breaking the state’s open meetings law. And these things are a problem because there are many issues facing the city and, regardless of what your position is on a given issue, you should be able to know your councilmembers’ respective positions on it and see what they are saying about it in meetings and worksessions.

Instead, they’re leaving us in the dark.

Colin Byrd

Editor’s Note: The Maryland Open Meetings Compliance Board found no intent by the city council but identified some errors in implementing the law’s provisions.

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Citizen Requests Spark Heat At July 20 Council Meeting

by Diane Oberg

The main action at the July 10 council meeting revolved around petitions and requests. In other actions, council approved a contract to white-coat the indoor pool and addressed several issues related to city elections.

Petitions

Jeff Harrison, representing PeoplePower.org, asked about the status of the petition his group presented to council on May 22 asking for a city ordinance to require U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to provide a warrant, not merely a detention request, before city police turn over anyone to ICE. He also provided a copy of the petition and its 102 signatories. Acting Police Chief Thomas Kemp reported that since 2010 the city has run into ICE detainees 12 times when doing computer checks on individuals, including those stopped for traffic violations. Of those, ICE has asked the city to turn the individuals over to them six times. The last time city officers encountered a detainee request was in 2015 and the last time someone was turned over to ICE by the city was in 2013.

City Manager Nicole Ard said that the city has been researching the issues related to this request including how other municipalities are handling them. She expects to bring the issue to council in the next few weeks. (The next council meeting is August 14.) Kemp noted that sometimes ICE seeks to take custody of someone whose only crime is reentering the country after being deported.

Harrison asked Kemp if he could let citizens know the next time it encounters an ICE detainee. Multiple councilmembers stated that they could not do this due to privacy concerns. Harrison asked whether information other than names could be provided but no response was given to this.

Heating Up

Then the petitions and request portion of the meeting got heated as Colin Byrd and Bill Orleans separately came to the podium. Both men regularly make requests during this agenda item and have taken exception to the standard request to provide their addresses, along with their names, when making a request. Orleans merely identifies himself as a Greenbelt resident, Byrd as a resident of Greenbelt East.

Byrd went first, and most of his portion of this item went smoothly. He objected to Mayor Emmett Jordan limiting groups making petitions to one speaker,

calling it an insult, and supported Harrison’s request for real-time notification when city police encounter ICE detainees, among other comments. When he said that council should not delay responding to Harrison’s request without a clear justification, he struck a nerve with council with several members quickly objecting to the term delay. Councilmember Judith Davis noted that the city was researching the issue as part of its due diligence.

Orleans’ comments turned up the heat noticeably with the mayor saying at one point “I don’t want to have to ask that you be removed.” Orleans continued his campaign against city council executive sessions calling for the release of information about the two landlord-tenant cases identified in the motion to close a meeting. One issue involves the Community Center, the other Green Ridge House.

Orleans also expressed concern about the actions taken in response to election-related issues. The petitions asked for action, not merely putting a question on the election questionnaire. When Jordan said Orleans had exceeded his time as defined by the council’s standing rules, Orleans disagreed and attempted to bring up another topic, Jordan tried to gavel him down, but Orleans continued speaking. Orleans raised his voice and he and the councilmembers talked over each other until Orleans took his seat while continuing to object to his treatment.

Councilmember Konrad Herling commended Harrison’s approach: he presented a written petition as well as a copy of his comments and clearly identified what he was seeking. Davis added that a stream of consciousness approach is not what is expected of petitioners. Jordan also asked that petitioners limit themselves to one request per meeting.

The councilmembers also continued to express their concerns with comments such as “this is only going to get worse,” and “this has got to stop.”

At this point, Jordan moved on to the next agenda item.

Election Issues

Council took action on several election issues following up on their discussions at a July 5 worksession. (See story in July 13 issue for further details.) Without discussion, as part of the consent agenda, council directed staff to add a question to the Community Survey regarding whether city councilmembers should be elected by ward. Currently all councilmembers are elected at large. Council referred the issue of whether to allow non-citizens to vote to the Board of Elections for further study.

At the worksession, council also discussed a petition from Byrd seeking election of the mayor and mayor pro tem by voters. Currently, the voters elect seven councilmembers who then elect the mayor and mayor pro tem, traditionally based upon number of votes received. Byrd attended the July 5 worksession and council, through the consent agenda, directed staff to send a letter to him confirming that discussion.

White Coat

Council unanimously approved granting a contract to Wilcoxon Construction, LLC to apply a new white coat to the city’s indoor pool. The work is to be completed before the outdoor pool closes.

Council also approved the transfer of \$10,000 to the Building Capital Reserve Fund to provide additional funds for this work.

Presentations

Jordan issued several proclamations including Buy Local Week, Park and Recreation Month, and presentation of the Maryland Municipal League Healthy Eating Active Living Award documenting that the city had achieved a gold level status.



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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltdmd.gov/police
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Carjacking
July 6, 11:09 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court. A 20-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with armed carjacking, use of a handgun during the commission of a felony, transporting a handgun and robbery, after he and another person allegedly robbed the driver of a car at gun-point, took the vehicle and fled. A Berwyn Heights police officer observed the stolen vehicle being driven in Berwyn Heights a short time later. The vehicle was then driven back into Greenbelt, where it collided into a parked car near Springhill Drive and Cherrywood Lane. Both carjackers then exited the vehicle and fled on foot. During a search, the 20-year-old nonresident was found hiding in the bathroom inside the laundry facility in the 9100 block Springhill Lane. He was positively identified, arrested and transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Assault
July 6, 5:59 p.m., 100 block Westway. A 24-year-old non-resident was arrested and charged with first degree assault, second degree assault and possession of a weapon with intent to injure after he allegedly threatened a man and chased him with a knife. He then fled but was located nearby, positively identified and arrested prior to being transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

July 10, 11:05 a.m., 5700 block Cherrywood Lane. The cashier at Shell Food Mart asked a customer to leave after he became verbally abusive during a transaction. The man then picked up a bag of candy and threw it at the cashier, who was struck in the face. The customer then fled. He is described as black, approximately 40 years old with grey facial hair, wearing a sleeveless white shirt, blue shorts and grey shoes.

DWI/DUI
July 8, 12:46 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. A 33-year-old resident was arrested and charged with driving while impaired by alcohol and other traffic-related offenses after being stopped for a traffic violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

Theft
July 7, 4:36 p.m., 7400 block Greenbelt Road. A purse was taken from a back office at Party City.

July 7, 6:15 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. Several unattended purses were taken from the employee area at Chevys Fresh Mix restaurant.

July 8, 6:12 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. An unattended cell phone was taken at Laugh Out Loud Fun Center.

July 12, 10 a.m., 7200 block Morrison Drive. Three bicycles and a knee board were taken

from the backyard of a residence.

Fraud
July 10, 5 p.m., 9000 block Breezewood Terrace. A man attempted to buy a cell phone online and was waiting to meet the seller to complete the transaction. She approached and gave him a box, supposedly containing the cell phone, after she got the money from him. After she left, the buyer discovered that the phone was not in working order.

Burglary
July 8, 9:30 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court. A television, two video game players, laptop computer, notebook computer and several handbags were taken when a residence was entered after tampering with the front door lock assembly.

July 9, 9:14 p.m., 46 Court Ridge Road. A crossbow, two rifles and a shotgun were taken from a residence.

July 9, 9:35 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. A backpack-type purse was taken from a shopping cart in the parking lot of Greenway Shopping Center.

July 12, 1:32 a.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. A backpack was taken after entry was gained possibly by an unlocked window.

Vandalism
July 11, 1:30 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace. The sliding glass door of an apartment was broken out.

Vehicle Crime
One vehicle was stolen from the 6100 block Breezewood Court, a maroon 2008 Buick Enclave SUV with Md. tags 2CP8727.

Fifteen calls about thefts from vehicles were received. Five pertained to tires and rims taken from each of five vehicles located on Parkway near 58 Court Crescent Road, 100 block Westway, 7700 block Mandan Road, 7200 block Mandan Road and 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive.

Two thefts occurred after windows were broken to gain access in the 9200 block Edmonston Road (driver's airbag) and in the 6000 block Greenbelt Road (wallet and a pair of glasses). Sunglasses and cash were taken after a sunroof was broken out and a door lock damaged in the 8000 block Craddock Road. A driver's window was broken out in the 7200 block Hanover Parkway but nothing appears to have been taken.

Other thefts involved a heart monitor device being taken from a possibly unlocked vehicle in the 8000 block Greenbelt Station Parkway and a front tag from the 100 block Westway.

Three incidents of vandalism were reported. A rock was used to damage a front windshield in the 9100 block Edmonston Terrace. A front passenger window was broken in the 6100 block Breezewood Court. One tire was slashed in the 8200 block Canning Terrace.

Council Worksession Targets ERHS Student Attendance

by Layne Litsinger

The Greenbelt City Council and the Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition (GEAC) held a joint worksession on Thursday, July 13 at the Hunting Ridge Condominiums community center.

The main issues were students that do not qualify as Greenbelt residents attending Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) and the safety issue of the basketball courts located on Mandan Road.

Greenbelt East residents have noticed that cars drop off and pick up students before and after school in their communities. Residents question whether these students are qualified to attend ERHS.

Councilmembers all agreed this is an assumed but not proven situation and the communities should be monitored to prevent children from being dropped off and picked up at locations within a Greenbelt school district.

The basketball courts on Mandan Road, another prominent topic, showed strong argument from different councilmembers. While the community wants to promote an active lifestyle, the basketball courts are not in good condition or safe for community use.

“Coming from someone who has lived in Greenbelt since he was 10 months old, it’s good for health, good for community and good for bringing people together,” said Councilmember Konrad Herling.

Council discussed, on November 2, 2016, to consider re-installing the removed rims from the backboards, but no decision has yet been made. Councilmembers agreed that until crime and safety issues in this area are resolved, nothing will change and the basketball court will hold no special place in the community.

“[We’ve] cut off opportunity for recreation in our neighborhood,” said Councilmember Rodney Roberts. “Kids should be able to play ball and do what they want to do. We need to have enough police presence to make the kids want to play there.”

Aside from replacing the basketball court, the community board wants to create an additional dog park for residents. The current dog park is not regulated and maintained adequately because of its high use. The problem is that the board chose a location, but the neighborhood nearby petitioned against it. There are other potential locations for the second park but the city council has yet to determine location or funding for the park.

There was financial discussion on real estate values of homes and commercial properties and their effect on the city’s budget, which is slowly recovering with the help of new development in Greenbelt Station. Council also discussed the construction of a new hotel in Greenway Center

and future bicycle and pedestrian amenity plans.

Those in attendance also discussed the hiring of new police officers due to staffing shortages because many current officers are aging out of the program. The city recently hired five new officers but plans to hire five more.

“We need to hire a police chief,” said Roberts. “We have an extremely strict standard for hiring police officers. [We] reached a plateau, a lot of our senior officers have aged out.”

Council then discussed crime statistics and trends. The city offers a database for crime reports under the police section of the city’s website, with future strategic plans to decrease crime. The most common form of crime is currently larceny.

Additional city-wide security cameras will be placed in nine new locations to help discourage crime. The Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) maintains research and preparation for the first phase of updating and repairing existing cameras, which will occur in August. Councilmember Silke Pope, the PSAC liaison, spoke briefly about the possible locations.

“It’s something we need to explore,” said Pope. “We maybe need more cameras now that the path is built for residents.”

Not all planned questions were discussed due to time constraints and importance. Topics focused on all stakeholders’ questions ranging from city finances, police and crime statistics, poor lighting and school issues, common ownership communities and GEAC community interests.

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planner hired by the city, she established and built the planning department and participated in, influenced and often took the lead on virtually every development project and capital project undertaken by the city from that point on.

Boundary Inaccuracies
Also at the meeting, in addition to all members of the city council, were City Manager Nicole Ard, City Solicitor Karen Ruff and City Planner Jessica Bellah. Michael German, director of development, Nooshin Amirpour, land development manager and Norman Rivera, project attorney, for the Woodlawn Development Group also attended the meeting. Woodlawn is the residential South Core developer.

According to Craze, several years ago when preparing the description of the special taxing district for the South Core, city planning staff found that the boundaries did not precisely align with the boundaries of the earlier South Core annexation. Because of inaccuracies in the description of the annexation, seven small enclaves were created, which are not allowed under state law. An enclave is effectively an island of unincorporated land that, as a result of the annexation process, ends up completely surrounded by property already within the boundaries of the municipality. In this case, the property involved is unimproved and without residents.

It took time for staff to ana-

lyze what corrections were needed and to determine the least complicated way to make them. Among other tasks, a careful comparison of Greenbelt's boundaries with those of the Town of Berwyn Heights was undertaken.

The plan proposed by staff to eliminate the enclaves and correct the errors involves two sets of legislation, which according to the city solicitor might take almost up to the end of the calendar year to enact. One includes legislation for the annexation of each of the seven enclaves. The other comprises a resolution to revise the detailed description of the city boundaries contained in the city charter.

Councilmember Edward Putens asked how the errors occurred in the first place and who would be making the corrections. German explained that the mistakes were drafting errors made by Dewberry Consultants, LLC, who prepared the original exhibits and descriptions, and that Dewberry will be correcting its own errors at no cost to the city.

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Above - Orioles, 2017 Greenbelt Youth Baseball Champions. Rear from left – Coach S. Hess, B. Hall, T. Badrak, M. Hess, C. Altizer, D. Velasquez, S. Green, Manager Chris Umstot. Front from left – G. Velasquez, J. Hess, K. Reeder, S. Badrak, L. Umstot, J. Cruz, M. Limarzi
Left - Indians player Beasley hits the ball, bringing in two runs.

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Creative Kids Campers Delight Audience with Play

by Elizabeth Gardner



Olympian campers investigate the News Review, with Anja Holland playing Editor Mary Lou Williamson.

Last week, the second session of Creative Kids Camp ended a fun-filled two weeks with two performances of this summer’s production, The Cookie Caper. The show was a wonderful celebration of the various activities in the Community Center and its long history of bringing Greenbelters together. The children sang and danced beautifully to music by Christopher Cherry and choreography by Elta Goldstein. They were prepared by a staff of teachers, counselors and interns. This performance presented the children’s work over their two weeks of camp and celebrated the 80th anniversary of Greenbelt with its recognition of the history of the town.

The story of the play begins with campers reminiscing on their fun weeks at camp, but lamenting that their lives are not as interesting as that of Nancy Drew, without any criminals to catch or mysteries to solve. Soon enough, however, a mystery falls right into their laps. A batch of cookies has been stolen. The campers then follow a trail of clues that leads them around the Community Center to important places in the building, including the art and pottery studios, the nursery school and the dance studio. At every new place, there is a group of singing children to teach the audience about that room’s treasures. After making a wrong turn, the campers find themselves in the basement and uncover an old book in a compartment in the wall. The book turns out to be the diary of a girl named Dorothy Donohue from the year 1937, when Greenbelt was founded. Through this diary, the campers learn about what it was like to live in the brand-new town and attend school at the building that is now the Community Center.

Though Dorothy is fictional, many of the events that she relates in her diary are based on actual events from 1937 Greenbelt. There are songs from excited children and parents about life in their new hometown. The second graders at the school are excited about roller skating on

Saturdays, which was a favorite event at school for new Greenbelt children. Their parents are excited that the town was made for children to live and grow safely among trees and playgrounds. Rexford Tugwell, the chief architect of Greenbelt, specifically designed the town to be walkable and child-friendly, including sidewalks and pedestrian underpasses to ensure that children never needed to cross the street. Another event in Dorothy’s diary that is based in fact is the visit from First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt on December 9, 1937. She came to tour the new town, as it was part of her husband’s New Deal program, and visited the school, much to the excitement of the children.

A sadder aspect of Greenbelt history is also presented in the play. The campers learn from the diary that Dorothy’s best friend, Lily, was not allowed to live in Greenbelt due to the prevailing segregationist practices of the time. The subject is dealt with sensitively, but truthfully. Since it is important to remember all aspects of history, it was essential that this episode be included in the story. The show ends with the campers finding out that Lily is still alive and now lives in Greenbelt. They present the diary to her as a gift. They also learn that the cookies were not really stolen at all; the camp staff is setting them out as refreshments for an end-of-camp surprise party for the campers.

This show teaches both campers and the audience about the history of early Greenbelt, as well as the town’s progress in the ongoing journey towards liberty and justice for all. In addition to the remaining performances during the summer camp season, The Cookie Caper will be presented again for the general public during Greenbelt Day weekend next June.

Elizabeth Gardner, a student at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, is serving as an intern for the Greenbelt Legacy 80th Anniversary celebration.

The Mystic Who Roared

by Jim Link

Teresa, the new play at Greenbelt Arts Center, is the latest thought experiment, intellectual probe or moral goad from the prolific pen and fertile mind of Anthony Gallo.

For nearly four decades, Gallo, founder and presiding spirit of Seventh Street Playhouse, has been writing, directing and producing plays – 22 of his own, over 60 of others – that wrestle with serious issues that torture history’s movers and shakers, often dissenters who have changed the world they have disturbed. Titles like The Agony of David, The Last Days of King Solomon, Lincoln and God, Luther and Paul show that Gallo always swings for the bleachers, never trifles with a prom night pimple or the rape of a lock.

Gallo’s latest exploration of the paradoxes, mysteries and majesty of the human heart focuses on Teresa of Ávila, 16th century mystic and nun, who stubbornly challenged the rigid patriarchal counter-reformation church structure with her unorthodox visions, levitations and eventual founding of the order of Discalced Carmelite nuns.

Teresa’s mystical ecstasy as the bride of Christ, depicted in her spiritual classic The Interior Castle, earned her the very unwelcome scrutiny of the Inquisition. Google images of Bernini’s Ecstasy of St. Teresa to see how easily her visions could be quite carnally interpreted.

Moreover, Gallo informs us of Teresa’s Marrano ancestry (Jewish converts to Christianity, often under duress), thus tainting her otherwise “pure” Christian blood.

Gallo’s Teresa is vulnerable, mercurial, insecure, persistent, fiery and bold by turns. Emily Canavan gives a brave and convincing performance as the title character. She wrestles with feminist, theological and sexual issues throughout the play, occasionally even humorously. At one point the novice nun Norma, the wonderful Hazel Thurston (a high school junior), confesses to Teresa that she is sexually tempted by a married man; Teresa admits to being in a similar affair.

“With whom?” asks the shocked Norma.

“I am the bride of Christ,” answers Teresa.

“I mean REAL men, not Jesus of Nazareth,” says Norma.

The ever-competent director Beatrix Whitehall also plays Eufrosia, the mistress of King Philip, played by James McDaniel. McDaniel’s Philip is complacent, charming and peremptory when need be. Eufrosia and Philip are a cozy couple indeed until Eufrosia gets pregnant, is banished from Philip’s bed and married off to another. Such was the sover-



The cast includes George Spencer (Brother Antonio), Margaret Bagley (Sister Maria), Renate Wallenberg (Sister Olga), Hazel Thurston (Novice Norma) and Emily Canavan (Teresa).

eign ease of inconvenienced kings back in the day.

When I asked Grant Bagley how it felt to play both the wicked inquisitor and God (His voice, at least), he said, “Very gratifying. I never dreamed that at our age my wife (Margaret, who plays sister Maria) and I would take vows of obedience, sort of. But she still doesn’t do what she’s told,” Bagley joked.

When I told Gallo I was surprised that not one word of the play was concerned with St. John of the Cross, Teresa’s fellow

Spaniard, mystic and rebel gadfly, he said, “I had included him originally, but I kicked him out. This is Teresa’s play, her moment.”

Forty years after Teresa’s death in 1582, the very flexible if not infallible Catholic Church canonized Teresa and declared her the first woman Doctor (thinker, philosopher, theologian) of the church in 1970. Her moment, indeed.

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